

## PATENT

**REMARKS:**

At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-24 were pending and considered by the Examiner. Claims 4-7, 11, 14, 15, 20, 21 and 23 stand allowed, and claims 1-3, 8-10, 12, 13, 16-19, 22 and 24 stand rejected. Pursuant to this Amendment, claims 3, 9, 16, 18, 19 and 22 have been amended, and claims 1, 2, 8, 17 and 24 have been cancelled. Claims 3-7, 9-16 and 18-23 remain pending in the subject application.

Allowance of claims 4-7, 11, 14, 15, 20, 21 and 23 is noted with thanks.

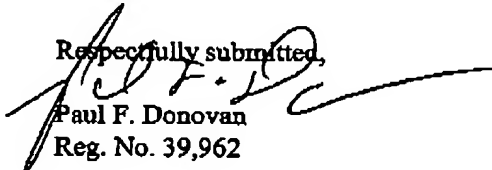
Without agreeing with the Examiner as to what is or is not taught by the cited references, in order to advance the prosecution of the subject application to issuance, rejected claims 1, 2, 8, 17 and 24 have been cancelled. Claims 3, 9, 16, 18, 19 and 22 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 4. Thus, this case is now in condition for allowance.

It is noted that an IDS is being submitted herewith. The submitted IDS is not an admission that the patent cited therein is prior art to the subject application.

No new matter has been added by way of the amendments and remarks made herein. Reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims are respectfully requested. In the event that there are any issues that can be expeditiously handled by telephone conference, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number indicated below.

Illinois Tool Works Inc.  
3600 West Lake Avenue  
Glenview, Illinois 60026  
(847) 657-4075

Respectfully submitted,

  
Paul F. Donovan  
Reg. No. 39,962